

During 1997, CTBT signatories have conducted numerous meetings of the Preparatory Commission in Vienna, seeking to promote rapid completion of the International Monitoring System established by the Treaty. On September 23, I transmitted the CTBT to the Senate, requesting prompt advice and consent to ratification.

The CTBT will serve several United States national security interests in banning all nuclear explosions. It will constrain the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons; end the development of advanced new types; contribute to the prevention of nuclear proliferation and the process of nuclear disarmament; and strengthen international peace and security. The CTBT marks an historic milestone in our drive to reduce the nuclear threat and to build a safer world.

Formal preparations for the year 2000 Review Conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) began in 1997 with the first of three annual Preparatory Committee meetings of the Parties to the Treaty. The United States is committed to working to ensure that the 2000 NPT review Conference will further strengthen the NPT and reinforce global nuclear nonproliferation objectives. Since the 1995 NPT Conference, eight additional states have joined the NPT, leaving only five states worldwide currently outside the NPT regime. The NPT Exporters (Zangger) Committee added China to its membership in 1997.

The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) continued its efforts to upgrade control lists and export control procedures. NSG members confirmed their agreement to clarifications to the nuclear trigger list to accord with trigger list changes agreed to by the members of the NPT Exporters (Zangger) Committee, and the International Atomic Energy Agency published these understandings on September 16, 1997. The NSG also is actively pursuing steps to enhance the transparency of the export regime in accordance with the call in Principles 16 and 17 of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference.

The NSG held an export control seminar in Vienna on October 8 and 9, 1997, which described and explained the role of the NSG (and the Zangger Committee) in preventing nuclear proliferation. The NSG also continued efforts to enhance information sharing among members regarding the nuclear programs of proliferant countries by (1) "officially" linking the NSG members through a dedicated computer network allowing for real-time distribution of license denial information, and by (2) creating a separate session for exchange of information on the margins of the NSG plenary meeting.

NSG membership will increase to 35 with the acceptance of Latvia. The ultimate goal of the NSG is to obtain the agreement of all suppliers, including nations not members of the regime, to control nuclear and nuclear-related ex-

ports in accordance with the NSG guidelines.

EXPENSES

Pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I report that there were no expenses directly attributable to the exercise of authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency in Executive Order 12938 during the semiannual reporting period.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 12, 1997.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. SUNUNU] at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 11, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to officially notify you of my resignation as United States Representative to the First District of Pennsylvania. President Clinton has given me the opportunity to continue my lifetime of public service by nominating me to be Ambassador to Italy, the nation of my heritage.

I love this body and leave it with bitter-sweet emotions—I move onto exciting new challenges but I leave so many good friends and colleagues. I feel so strongly about so many of the people I have served with over the past seventeen years. There is that saying attributable to Harry Truman that if you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog. For me, nothing can be further from the truth. I have made friends here, on both sides of the aisle, who I will keep and cherish for the rest of my life.

I thank the people of the First District for the opportunity to serve them, this country and this institution. It has been a great honor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule 1, the Chair will now put the question on adoption of those resolutions on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Without objection, votes will be taken in the following order: House

Resolution 319; and House Resolution 314, as amended.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 738, AMTRAK REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to House Resolution 319 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 324, nays 72, not voting 36, as follows:

[Roll No. 629]

YEAS—324

Abercrombie	DeLay	Jenkins
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (CT)
Andrews	Dickey	Johnson (WI)
Archer	Dixon	Johnson, E. B.
Armey	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Bachus	Doyle	Jones
Baker	Dreier	Kaptur
Baldacci	Duncan	Kasich
Ballenger	Ehlers	Kelly
Barcia	Ehrlich	Kennelly
Barr	Emerson	Kildee
Barrett (NE)	Engel	Kilpatrick
Bartlett	English	Kim
Barton	Ensign	Kind (WI)
Bass	Everett	King (NY)
Bateman	Ewing	Kingston
Bentsen	Farr	Klink
Bereuter	Fattah	Klug
Berry	Fawell	Knollenberg
Bilbray	Filner	Kolbe
Bilirakis	Foley	Kucinich
Bishop	Forbes	LaHood
Blagojevich	Fossella	Lampson
Bliley	Fowler	Largent
Blumenauer	Fox	Latham
Blunt	Frank (MA)	LaTourette
Boehlert	Franks (NJ)	Lazio
Boehner	Frelinghuysen	Leach
Bonilla	Furse	Levin
Bono	Gallegly	Lewis (CA)
Borski	Ganske	Lewis (GA)
Boswell	Gekas	Lewis (KY)
Boucher	Gibbons	Linder
Boyd	Gilchrest	Lipinski
Brown (FL)	Gillmor	Livingston
Bryant	Gilman	LoBiondo
Bunning	Goode	Lowe
Burr	Goodlatte	Lucas
Burton	Goodling	Luther
Buyer	Goss	Maloney (CT)
Calvert	Graham	Maloney (NY)
Camp	Granger	Manton
Campbell	Green	Manzullo
Canady	Greenwood	Mascara
Cannon	Gutierrez	McCarthy (MO)
Cardin	Gutknecht	McCarthy (NY)
Carson	Hamilton	McCollum
Castle	Hastert	McCrery
Chabot	Hastings (FL)	McDade
Chambliss	Hastings (WA)	McGovern
Chenoweth	Hayworth	McHugh
Christensen	Hefley	McInnis
Clay	Herger	McIntyre
Clayton	Hill	McKeon
Clyburn	Hilleary	McKinney
Coble	Hilliard	McNulty
Coburn	Hinchey	Meek
Collins	Hinojosa	Mica
Cook	Hobson	Millender-
Costello	Hoekstra	McDonald
Cox	Holden	Miller (CA)
Cramer	Horn	Miller (FL)
Crane	Hostettler	Minge
Crapo	Hulshof	Mink
Cunningham	Hunter	Mollohan
Danner	Hutchinson	Moran (KS)
Davis (FL)	Hyde	Moran (VA)
Davis (VA)	Inglis	Murtha
Deal	Istook	Myrick
DeFazio	Jackson-Lee	Nadler
DeLauro	(TX)	Nethercutt